

To-day's
Advertisements.THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 9, Praya Central, Victoria, HONGKONG, on MONDAY, the 28th day of August, 1895, at 12 NOON, when the Subjuncted Resolution will be proposed, viz:—

"That the Capital of the Company be Reduced from \$1,000,000, divided into 20,000 Shares of \$50 each to \$500,000, divided into 10,000 Shares of \$50 each and that such Capital be effected by cancelling capital which has been lost or is unrepresented by available assets to the extent of \$40 per Share on each of the 14,117 Shares which have been issued and are now outstanding and by reducing the nominal amount of all the Shares in the Company's Capital from \$50 to \$10 per Share."

Should the above Resolution be duly passed it will be admitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution to a Second Extraordinary General Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Dated this 25th day of July, 1895.

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Captain Schall, will be despatched on SUNDAY, the 28th instant, at Daylight.

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Hongkong, 25th July, 1895. 1893

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

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THE Steamship

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Captain Vaughan, will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 1st August.

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Hongkong, 25th July, 1895. 1898

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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 1st June, 1895.

BIRTHS.
At Staten Island, New York, U.S.A., on July 16th, the wife of ARTHUR ERNEST DOWLER, of a son. (By cable.)

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JULY 25, 1895.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE BUFFER STATE FIASCO.

LONDON, July 24th.

The Anglo-French Commission, appointed to delineate the boundaries of the Buffer State on the upper Mekong has returned without having arrived at any conclusion owing to the fact of the French having erected a fort in the proposed buffer state territory, and owing to the virtual British protection of and paramount interests in the country near the Mekong.

THE FAMIR DELIMITATION COMMISSION.

The Russian Government has instructed the Famir Delimitation Commission to enter into no negotiations with the British Commission until the cities of Roshan and Shiguan have been entirely evacuated by the Afghans.

THE FRENCH IN MADAGASCAR.

The French troubles in Madagascar are increasing owing to the sickness of the troops and the difficulty of transport.

THE GENERAL ELECTIONS.

Returns to date:—

Unionists.....364

Liberals.....125

Parliamentaries.....9

Anti-Parliamentaries.....57

Labour.....2

Total.....557

Gains to date:—

Unionists.....91

Liberals.....18

(From Japanese Papers.)

RUSSIAN WAR VESSELS AT FUSAN.

BAKAM, July 14th.

A report from Fusan, dated the 11th instant, states that a Russian man-of-war and five torpedo-boats had arrived there from Chefoo.

PRINCE PAK ARRIVES IN JAPAN.

SHIMONOSEKI, July 15th.

The *Fushima Maru*, with Prince Pak and two other Korean officials on board, has arrived here. She was carefully guarded while in this port. The steamer has gone on to Kobe via Utsunomiya.

THE WAR INDEMNITY.

TOKYO, July 16th.

It is reported that the indemnity from China will be paid in London and will be deposited in the Bank of England. It is believed that the money will be realized there for the purpose of making payments in gold for warlike material to be purchased in the near future.

THE RADICALS AND THE CABINET.

TOKYO, July 16th.

At a council held by the leaders of the Jiyu-tai (Radicals) it was decided that the question of the responsibility of the Cabinet for the retrocession of Liaotung should not be raised at this critical juncture.

ANOTHER KOREAN STORY.

SEOUL, July 16th.

It is reported that the Queen, in her attempt to restore the reins of power, relied upon the aid of the * * * Minister, but received no assistance.

CHOLERA EPIDEMIC AT CHEMULPO.

TOKYO, July 16th.

A report from Chemulpo states that as epidemic of cholera is prevailing at that port, and precautions are being taken to prevent the spread of the disease.

COUNT INOUE.

KOREA, July 16th.

Count Inouye and suite left for Korea by the *Yokohama Maru* this morning. Mr. Sifu, Governor of Hyogo; Ko Yei-ki, Korean Minister to Japan, and many other persons attended to bid them farewell.

THE "CHEN-YUEN."

NAGASAKI, July 17th.

The late Chinese flagship *Chen-yuen* left here bound for Yokohama to-day.

THE CRISIS IN KOREA.

SEOUL, July 17th.

Mr. Li Ken-shi, who was appointed Minister for Home Affairs on the 13th inst., tendered his resignation yesterday.

DEATH OF MAJOR-GENERAL FUKUWARA.

TOKYO, July 17th.

The Government has received a telegram from Kichow stating that Major-General Fukuwara was attacked by cholera on the 11th inst., and succumbed to the disease the following day.

A GOOD SHOWING.

TOKYO, July 17th.

The net profit of the First National Bank during the past half-year amounted to yen 191,664 60, of which yen 2,000 was set apart as a reserve, and yen 135,000 distributed among the shareholders as a dividend at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum, yen 36,664 60 being carried forward to the new account.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H.M.S. *Lionel* went out this morning for a cruise.

The Oji Paper Mill Co., Tokio, has declared a dividend of 12 per cent. per annum for the past half-year.

It is expected that Admiral Viscount Katsuyama, Governor-General of Formosa, will make a flying visit to Tokio at the end of next month.

News: In the meteorological report issued by the Observatory officials to-day it is stated that "a typhoon centre passed near Nigasaki yesterday."—Next, please!

The ordinary half-yearly meeting of shareholders in the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will be held at the City Hall at 2 o'clock on the 26th proximo.

The *Dafavia Nivensblad* says that the plantation called "Tjueureh," on the Gedeh, belonging to the West Java Cincora Company, has been purchased by Messrs. Mondt and J. C. Vanson. This plantation, covering an area of about 1,400 acres, will be planted with tea.

CHOLERA is still raging in several parts of Japan. 6,050 cases and 3,413 deaths registered up to noon of 17th instant.

At the Police Court this morning three Chinese men and an aged "big" were committed for trial at the next Criminal Sessions for kidnaping a girl of 20 years for purposes of prostitution.

JAPANESE papers report that on the 30th ulto, a number of Japanese junk came to grief at Nawa, Loochoo group, during a terrific storm, and their cargoes, consisting of 60,000 bags of sugar, were completely destroyed by sea-water.

The body of Lieutenant Ommaney, of H.M.S. *Victor Emmanuel*, was found on the beach between Quarry Bay and Bay View this morning. Mr. Ommaney's body had evidently been washed up and when he came by his death he was fully dressed. An inquest will be held to-morrow.

THE *Politique Coloniale* announces in a recent issue that M. Roussieu, Governor-General of Indo-China, is expected to return shortly to France. The journal says it learns from a certain source that his stay in Indo-China will not be prolonged beyond a few weeks at most. On the same subject the *Gazette* states that M. Roussieu has determined to resign his functions because he is convinced that he will be powerless to remedy the inextricable state of affairs with which he is contending.

FROM the report of the Court of Directors of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, which we received too late in the day for insertion in this issue, we learn that the net profits for the half-year ended 30th ulto, including \$23,665.61 brought forward and after making the usual deductions amount to \$1,704,503.38; the sum of \$500,000 is to be transferred from Profit and Loss account to credit of the Reserve Fund, which Fund will then stand at \$5,500,000; £1.5 per share is to be paid as a dividend, and \$497,140.95 are to be carried to new Profit and Loss account.

ADMIRAL Ito has been interviewed on the question of the Wei-hai-wei salute scandal, by which the Chinese were alleged to have been appraised by the British of the approach of the Japanese, and his emphatic contradiction of the charge made against the British vessels will now, it is to be hoped, bury the absurd calumny for ever. He pointed out to his interviewer that the number of guns fired in salute are regulated by the rank of the officer on board the vessel; saluted, and it was asserted, the British fleet fired the salute at night, how did they know the number of guns to fire? As a matter of fact, he says, the salute was fired in broad daylight when the Chinese forts could be clearly seen, and when, presumably, the Japanese were as visible to the enemy as the forts were to the Japanese fleet.

THE Japanese, who are finding the pacification of Formosa no light task, may take a hint that will be of use in the near future from the following clipping from a Rangoon paper dated July:—

"Boh Cho, who with his two sons has been captured in the Myingyan district, is the last of the dacoit leaders who opposed the British in 1886. For four years he was very busy, then the place became so hot, and he disappeared. In 1894 he re-appeared. In the past years the custom was to cease operations against dacoits during the rains, which gave them a brief lease of life. Since his return, however, Boh Cho has been given no rest. He has not recently done much harm, but nevertheless, it is a matter for congratulation that he is captured. A leader of his influence would in time have got together a considerable following of Burmese."

ACCORDING to the *Japan Mail* Lieut-General Viscount Mura is believed on all sides in Dai Nippon to be the most probable successor to Count Inouye, Minister to Korea. Viscount Mura is a native of Choshiu, and enjoys the reputation of being a brave soldier and a profound Buddhist scholar. He is said to be a man of great ability, but has hitherto stood almost wholly aloof from politics, having led a retired and studious life for the past six years. Pak, the fallen Korean Minister of Home Affairs, is stated to be a warm admirer of the Viscount, and is believed to have repeatedly requested him to go to Korea and assist the King in the capacity of Adviser. But the Viscount did not entertain the idea. It is reported that he will go to Seoul at the end of this month or the beginning of next.

At the Magistracy this morning the master of the German steamship *Wustan* was charged under section 6 of Ordinance No. 86 of 1891, for attempting to leave the harbor on May 22 with passengers in excess of that allowed by the ship's certificate. Inspector Hanes, of the Water Police, deposed that he boarded the steamship *Wustan* on May 22nd when the vessel was leaving and found 503 passengers, being 112 in excess of that allowed by the ship's certificate. He drew the Captain's attention to this and the 112 passengers were put in two launches and sent ashore. The master of the *Wustan* in his defence said that it was not customary to count how many passengers there were on board until a vessel was well out at sea. RESCIPT: Case dismissed. Inspector Hanes to be handed over to the Board of Punishment to be severely dealt with for violating the limit of the Court.

THE tardiness of the pacification of the southern part of Formosa has been explained. The following extract from a private letter, dated Keling 6th instant, published in the *Nichi Nichi Shinbun*, unravels the mystery:—"There are now in port the war vessels *Matsumoto*, *Nanzen*, *Tachibana*, and *Yaypama*, and more than 100 transports. The latter came here with the troops of the Special Brigade of the Guards. The original plan had been to land these forces in the vicinity of Aiping, and the landing was about to be commenced when the monsoon began to blow. The monsoon will not stop till the 24th of September. Consequently, landing in the south had to be given up, and the transports all returned to this port. The decision was to put troops ashore and march them southward overland. It is believed that the Brigade has by this time advanced as far as Shin-chu."

THE following appears in the semi-official *Japan Mail* of the 17th ulto:—

THE "CHRISTINA" "RAVENNA" CASE.—The hearing of this case in H.B.M. Court has been set down for the 14th of October next.

LO-LO HO, owner and master of the junk *Stag* *Yan*, claimed \$250 damages in the Supreme Court this morning for the loss of his junk and cargo owing to a collision with the steamer *Kwang Hoi* on the Canton river. Mr. Gedge appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Dennis for the defendant company. After a portion of the evidence had been led the suit was withdrawn owing to the parties coming to a settlement.

WE recently stated on the authority of a Paris telegram published by a Saigon daily that a new French Minister to Bangkok would soon be appointed. It now appears that M. Defrance, first Secretary of the French Embassy at Madrid, has been selected for the post. M. Defrance, who has been *attaché* at Berlin, and then Secretary at Constantinople, was *Chargé d'Affaires* at Santiago during the Chilean civil war. He is, according to a London journal, one of the best of the younger school of French diplomats.

ACCORDING to a Calcutta paper the cultivation of tea at Natal has made rapid strides during the past few years, the acreage now reaching four figures and the output six. Last season's crop was an advance of about 20 per cent. upon the production of the preceding year—a progress of most appreciable dimensions, and the present conditions of the trade indicate still more rapid advances year by year. The cultivation of coffee has been practically given way to the sugar industry, and even sugar—Natal's premier product—is experiencing the slight of defection on the part of some of its former adherents in favour of tea.

"QUONG-HI" a farcical comedy in three acts, by Fenton Mackay, was announced in London on the 20th ulto to be produced at an early date by Mr. Willie Edouard at a *matinee* at Terry's Theatre, London. Quong-Hi is the faithful Chinese nurse of Nellie Merrydew, a young Hongkong heiress, who, accompanied by him, visits England to claim a large sum of money. Quong-Hi, of course, continues to attend his young charge at the house of her relatives, and the catastrophe and confusion which follow the transplantation of a native Mongolian into the ordinary life of an English household form the staple of the play.

In the House of Lords on the 17th ulto, the Duke of Argyll gave notice that he would at an early date call attention to the system of money lending at present in practice in the United Kingdom, and ask the Government if they would consent to the issuing of a Royal Commission to inquire into the evils arising out of the system.—If such a Commission is appointed we would suggest it is imperative that the scope of its labours should include India and the Far East, and that before evidence is formally obtained here one or two "cute Secret Service" men be detailed for a few weeks' special duty in these realms of the弊.

THE extra pension of £100 per annum due to the Bombay Establishment of the Indian Medical Services for 1895-96 will be allotted to Brigade-Surgeon Lieutenant-Colonel Macarty, on his retirement from the service from the 31st March of next year.

ALL the India local Governments are reported by a Calcutta paper to have expressed their views regarding the desirability of legislation enabling judges to go behind the head in usury cases. The Home Department of the Government of India is now considering the question.

JAMES Donaldson, Purser of the Northern Pacific Steamship Company's steamer *Tacoma*, was charged at the Police Court this morning with embezzling and falsifying accounts. Mr. G. C. Master appeared for the Northern Pacific Steamship Company and said that he did not ask for a heavy penalty, and the charge of embezzlement having been withdrawn, the defendant pleaded guilty to the other charge, and was sentenced to 6 months imprisonment with hard labour.

THE *L. & C. Express* of the 21st ulto has the following remarkable story:—"From private letters that were received from Japan by last mail, it seems certain considerable tension exists between Japan and Russia, and that was seemed almost to be looked on as a foregone conclusion. We know, of course, that Japan very seriously considered the matter, and that it was only due to the naval superiority of Russia that the gave way. From the letters we have seen it seems certain that the Russian officers anticipated war. One letter states the Russian vessels had left the port fully loaded, and prepared even to fight and handgates for the wounded. The last being they left they were working all night preparing four steam cable groves, as the telegraph lines they meant to do was to the cable between Shimonoeki and Port Arthur, and cut the Japanese off from all communication with their troops in China. Then one of the commanders said he would particularly try to seize the Japanese transports, and added that he did not want the captains of them; but that he would give the engineers £100 a month, as they had been running on that trip had knew the line and outs of the coast, and would be useful to him. Two Russian ships and the *Fenchuan*, the *July*, left under armed orders that came down for the Russians by the Minister's son, who was watched to the boats by a couple of Japanese detectives, and went off to one of the Russian boats that was waiting for him, and of course did not return. The Russian Minister, it is said, was ready packed up and ready to leave at a moment's notice. It is also stated that Russia had informed Japan that the ratification of the treaty in Chosen was to be looked upon by Russia as a declaration of war, and that the first intimation of the outbreak of hostilities would be the announcement made by the Russian guns. The Frenchmen had the same orders as the Russians, so perhaps they meant to support the Russians with their arms. The Russians took two foreign pilots and a Japanese pilot with them, and the commander of the *Admiral Nakhimov* said he would have the Japanese on his ship, and that the moment his ship struck rock his brains would be blown out. The 'Rookies' may be rather 'rough on land,' but not quite so rough or tough as all that. The whole affair was a game of 'bluff' in which the Russians 'raised' their opponents to some purpose."

AN extraordinary general meeting of the Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., will be held at the Company's offices, No. 9, Praya Central, at noon on the 12th proximo.

The following is the programme of the Grand Concert to be given at the Mount Austin Hotel on Saturday, commencing at 9.15 p.m.:—

PART I.

1.—Song "A Winter Love Song".....L. Kille.

2.—Duet "The Wanderer's Valedict".....Rubenstein.

3.—Song "When I see the Mountains".....Schuman.

4.—Song "The Song of the Mountains".....Clay.

5.—Song "The Song of the Mountains".....Clay.

6.—Song "The Song of the Mountains".....Clay.

7.—Song "The Song of the Mountains".....Clay.

8.—Song "The Song of the Mountains".....Clay.

9.—Song "The Song of the Mountains".....Clay.

10.—Song "The Song of the Mountains".....Clay.

11.—Song "The Song of the Mountains".....Clay.

12.—Song "The Song of the Mountains".....Clay.

13.—Song "The Song of the Mountains".....Clay.

14.—Song "The Song of the Mountains".....Clay.

15.—Song "The Song of the Mountains".....Clay.

16.—Song "The Song of the Mountains".....Clay.

17.—Song "The Song of the Mountains".....Clay.

18.—Song "The Song of the Mountains".....Clay.

19.—Song "The Song of the Mountains".....Clay.

20.—Song "The Song of the Mountains".....Clay.

21.—Song "The Song of the Mountains".....Clay

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE:

English (Rohilla) to-morrow.
Indian (Kutiang) 27th inst.
American (Coptic) 28th inst.
German (Preussen) 30th inst.
Australasian (Guthrie) 1st prox.
Canadian (Empire of China) 5th prox.
American (City of Rio de Janeiro) 10th prox.
Tacoma (Stratford) 14th prox.
American (Galle) 19th prox.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s steamship *Empress of India* arrived at Vancouver yesterday.

The O. & S. S. Co.'s steamer *Gaule*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port, via Yokohama and Nagasaki, on the 23rd inst.

SHIPPING RETURNS.

From 5 p.m. yesterday to 5 p.m. to-day.

ARRIVALS.

Moldavia.....steamer from Hongkong, &c.
Siam....." " Yokohama.
Bydo....." " Canton.
Oscarshall....." " Canton.
Pallas....." " Shanghai.
Belmont.....(burr) " Shanghai.

DEPARTURES.

Rihlopt.....steamer for Kutchinola.
Kane Wai....." " Bangkok.
Framms....." " Bangkok.
Hacolla....." " Amoy.
Moldavia....." " Swatow, &c.
"....." " Pakhoi.
".....(gunboat) " Cruises.

Aggregating 9,740 tons register.

The British steamship *Stam* left Yokohama on the 14th instant at 5.30 a.m., and experienced light winds and fine weather on arrival at Kobe at 12.30 p.m. on the 15th. Left Kobe on the 20th at 4.45 p.m. for Hongkong, and had light winds and calm with fine weather throughout.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK RETURNS.

Lyndell.....in Kowloon Dock.
Fookingyee....." " " "
Glamorganshire....." " " "
Siskin.....Cosmopolitan " "
Port Stuart....." " " "

The French and Japanese naval officers appointed to investigate the circumstances attending the collision of the French steamer *Natal* with the Japanese schooner *Rio Maru* in the Indian Sea some months ago have presented entirely different reports as to the result of their investigations, and the Consular Court at Kobe will give a decision after taking the opinions of a third party.

NEW JAPAN-FORMOSA STEAMSHIP LINE.

The following interesting news was published in the *Kobe Chronicle* on the 18th instant:—Mr. Sakaki, the able manager of the head office of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, has just returned to Japan from Formosa where he has been making an investigation with reference to an extension of the company's operations to the island. In an interview with a representative of the *Kobe Chronicle*, he said that he had visited Taipei, Keelung, and Tamsui, and that the southern portion of the island. The Governor-General of Formosa had asked the Nippon Yusen Kaisha to put four steamers on the Japan-Formosa line, in order that a weekly service both ways should be kept up. The vessels will run between Yokohama, Kobe, Baku, Nagasaki, and Formosa, and it is expected that at first Keelung will be the port in Formosa to which the Japanese steamers will proceed. Mr. Sakaki has a high opinion of Keelung, and believes that it will become a very prosperous port in time.

THE CHINA MUTUAL S. N. CO.

An extraordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the China Mutual Steam Navigation Company (Limited) was held at the company's offices, No. 4, Billiter Avenue, on the 18th ultimo for the purpose of submitting for approval and confirmation certain alterations in the Articles of Association in connection with the granting of a Stock Exchange quotation. Mr. David Reid, who presided, explained that the meeting was purely a formal one to alter the articles of association to meet the views of the Stock Exchange committee. He would, therefore, simply move the following:—Clause 93 instead of—The qualification of every Director shall be the holding in his own right of shares or stock of the company of the nominal value of £1,000, to insert—The qualification of a director shall be the holding of shares of the company of the nominal amount of £1,000. A first director may act before acquiring his qualification, but shall in any case acquire the same within one month from his appointment, and unless he shall do so he shall be deemed to have agreed to take the said shares from the company, and the same shall be allotted to him forthwith accordingly. Clause 93 c—If he ceases to hold the required amount of shares or stock to qualify him for office or do not acquire the same within three months after election or appointment, to cancel the words—Or do not acquire the same within three months after election or appointment. The resolutions were unanimously adopted.

THE "VIBROMETER."

Many of our readers will be interested in a new invention which is being placed upon the market by the Hard Patent Pick Company, of Sheffield. It is called the "Vibrometer," which is described as a new mechanical motion of an elementary character, by means of which, oscillating, shaking, gyrating, and reciprocating motion can be worked. By its use the following advantages are derived:—the mechanical power hitherto wasted in producing the harmful vibration is utilized thus decreasing the power required and increasing output for a given power; the power required is reduced at least fifty per cent.; all the trouble and cost of balancing are rendered completely unnecessary; the cost of construction of machines and the apparatus for driving them is enormously reduced; machines now rendered unusable by the vibration they cause in mills and other buildings may be worked; the vibration of the floors and walls of mills and buildings can be stopped; the output of many kinds of machines may be increased from 20 to 100 per cent.; and finally many machines which have been brought out for many years which, while being a new mechanical motion, has been applicable to so many purposes. It is said that the *L. & C. Express* of 21st ultimo, at once the means of avoiding one of the greatest and most universal causes of trouble to mechanical engineers and users of machinery, namely, the difficulties which attend the perfect balance of machinery, and the avoidance of vibration and consequent wear, tear, and waste of power and cause of litigation.

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RAILWAYS IN CHINA AND JAPAN.

JAPANESE LINES.

According to statistics obtained by the *Kohun Shimbun* from the Imperial Railway Bureau, the total mileage of railways in operation at the end of March last was 2,500 miles; that of lines under construction or projected was 1,042 miles, and the number of railway companies 57. The following table shows the names, capital, total mileage, and mileage open to traffic of the various lines in actual operation, State Railways being excluded:—

Name	Capital Yen.	Total Mileage Miles.	Mileage open for Traffic Miles.
Nippon Teitendo	30,000,000	709.66	59.666
Sanyo Teitendo	13,000,000	307.47	101.46
Kyushu Teitendo	11,000,000	271.01	161.05
Chikuho Teitendo	3,700,000	38.47	30.47
Sankai Teitendo	330,000	10.15	10.15
Kobe Teitendo	1,350,000	27.17	27.17
Kansai Teitendo	6,500,000	114.32	66.53
Osaka Teitendo	3,000,000	45.35	38.48
Hokkaido Tanku	6,500,000	204.71	204.71
Teitendo	1,500,000	52.17	52.17
Rei-mo Teitendo	400,000	6.13	6.13
Han-kai Teitendo	275,000	13.02	10.10
Iyo Teitendo	240,000	8.35	8.35
Setsu Teitendo	200,000	26.67	26.67
Kashio Teitendo	145,000	23.58	23.58
Sangu Teitendo	1,100,000	9.60	9.60
So-bu Teitendo	1,200,000	31.40	31.40
Hoshi Teitendo	2,000,000	43.05	—
Nan-wa Teitendo	500,000	16.40	—
Kawagoe Teitendo	300,000	18.40	18.40
Aomori Teitendo	100,000	13.07	11.40
Han-tan Teitendo	1,000,000	30.57	23.00
Nan-tei Teitendo	1,000,000	25.53	—
Bo-to Teitendo	310,000	11.75	—
Ota Teitendo	170,000	12.18	—
Nan-va Teitendo	95,000	6.57	—
Dogo Teitendo	18,000	3.97	—
Naniwa Teitendo	250,000	8.13	—
Itat-su Teitendo	500,000	12.17	—

Total.....86,541,203 2 103.12 1,549.39

With regard to State Railways, figures relating to them at the end of March last were as follows:

Name	Capital Yen.	Total Mileage Miles.	Mileage open for Traffic Miles.
Tokaido-Nyuto	38,103,252	557.49	557.49
Fukushima-Hirotsuki	—	—	—
(Owa)	12,646,126	298.26	23.20
Tamao-Toyama	—	—	—
(Hokuriku)	5,764,954	123.58	—

Total.....56,554,133 979.33 580.69

The grand totals for both private and State lines are as follow:—

Private Lines	Capital Yen.	Total Mileage Miles.	Mileage open for Traffic Miles.
Private Lines	86,541,203 2 103.12	1,549.39	—
State Lines	56,554,133 979.33	580.69	—
Total	143,095,336 3,172.45	2,130.08	—

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By Order,

EDWARD OSBORNE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 11th July, 1895.

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO

STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the COMPANY will be held at the OFFICE of the COMPANY, No. 18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, on SATURDAY, the 2nd August, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of Receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Account, declaring a Dividend, and electing Directors and Auditors. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 20th instant to 3rd August inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

C. TOMLIN,

Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 15th July, 1895.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING

CORPORATION.

NOTICE

IS hereby given that the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the CORPORATION will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 10th day of August next, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 30th June, 1895.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 24th July, 1895.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING

CORPORATION.

NOTICE

IS hereby given that the REGISTERS of SHARES of the CORPORATION will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 27th instant, to the 10th day of August next (both days inclusive) during which period no TRANSFER OF SHARES can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 24th July, 1895.

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